

Application No.: 10/665,341 MAT-8463US
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1(a), 1(b), 2(a), 2(b), 3(a), 3(b), 5(a), 5(b), 7(a), 7(b) and 12. These sheets replace the original sheets.

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Remarks/Arguments:

Figure 12 has been objected to. Figure 12 has been appropriately amended.

Figure numbers in the drawings were found to not match those in the description. Revised Figures are enclosed.

The title of the invention was found to be non-descriptive. The title has been amended.

Claims 3 and 13-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Claims 13-16 have been appropriately amended.

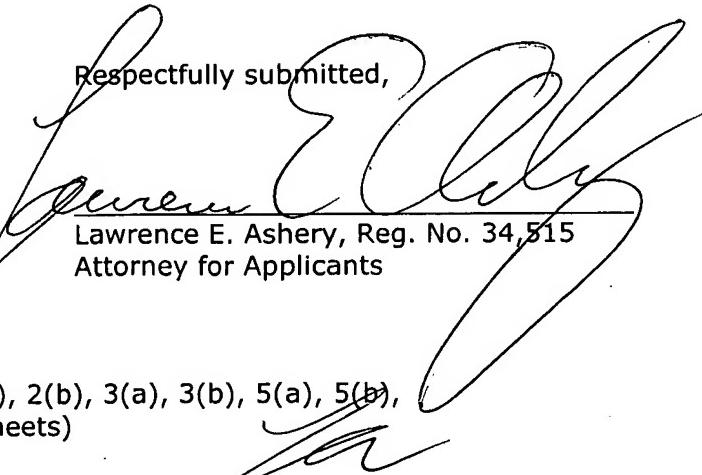
Claims 1, 4, 5, 11 and 17-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tani et al. (U.S. 2003/0090833). Also, claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tani et al. (U.S. 2003/0090833). Claims 2, 7-10 and 12, however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, the features of claim 1 have been rewritten into claim 2, and claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 3-6 have also been cancelled. Claim 11 has been cancelled. Features similar to those set forth in claim 1 have been added to claims 17 and 19. Accordingly, all pending claims are now allowable.

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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachments: Figures 1(a), 1(b), 2(a), 2(b), 3(a), 3(b), 5(a), 5(b),
7(a), 7(b) and 12 (6 sheets)

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